



Dayton, Oregon  
April 5th.

Dear Vicki & Jim,

Hi! I suppose you are home by now and had a lovely trip and I hope it turned out well for Jim - How was the flight? and did you get to talk to Louise? She and Jim are coming up to Dayton starting out a week from today - and will be at the farm for about two weeks. Guess I told you that before -

Spring finally found its way to the Willamette Valley this last week - this is the fourth beautiful day! But is clouding up a little this afternoon (late). It rained around some soles yesterday and put bark dust on them today and pulled grass around the blueberries, etc. Dad and Ken mowed

yesterday so everything looks pretty nice for the moment. The Camellias are blooming and the later daylilies and primroses - I wish my knees could take more "gardening" - I'm shopping for a few shrubs to plant around the house we got from the school - maybe tomorrow I'll find what I want (for what I want to pay!) Whatever I set out I'll probably have to take care of from time to time as they're a little indifferent to yard work. Tex just came in to tell me she saw another snake - they're all quite terrified of snakes altho I assure them they're harmless little garter snakes. So now whenever I want them to stay out of my flowers I'll just say "I saw a snake in there" Ha -

Ken and Debbie came by Sat. morning and traded cars with me to go to the beach - I envied them theouting as it

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was such a beautiful day - they built a fire at Fogarty Creek Park and roasted weiners - they came back in time for waffles with us for supper. She had her hair cut short in sort of a tapered or feathered pixie cut and it looks real cute.

We haven't heard anymore from Jerry since about my birthday but I trust he's ok. Grandma Gould writes that Jackie is busy keeping their house "neat" enough for real estate people to show. I'm really sad to think they'll have to leave Hawaii for St. Louis.

By the way, when is Jim's birthday? I think it's sometime this month (?) but never did know the day so let me know - and did I thank you for the lovely card and letter you sent me? It was really nice to be remembered! I still have all my cards on the shelf in the dining room - But must make

myself take them down very soon <sup>Devene</sup>  
you asked me about Janis & Ayne's (?)  
address - I don't know if they bought a  
house or not but feel sure the po  
would forward mail to any new  
address they'd have - they're still in  
Corvallis, I know -

Dads still working on the Laughlin  
barn, box stalls etc - now that the  
weather's good and they have the roof  
on. I'm not working any extra at the  
po right now but have been getting  
over my cough and exercising with  
Jack La Lanne, taking a few naps,  
etc. Very heavy schedule -

I suppose you and Jim have a little  
yard work to do, too, now that Spring's  
come to Virginia - or has it snowed again?  
Write real soon and tell us about your  
trips and everything - we love hearing from  
you - Hope you're both ok -

Lots of love,  
mom & dad.